

**May 8 - Memorial of Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine, Virgin:**

Catherine de Longpré was born in France in 1632. At the age of 12, she entered the convent of the Hospitallers of Bayeux, a branch of the Augustinians, the first order to send missionaries to Canada. In 1648, she asked to go to Quebec City to help the Sisters in the Hôtel-Dieu hospital, the first to be established in Canada. In the following years, she worked with the poor through famine, conflict and illness, and was known for her kindness and her great love for all. She died in 1668 at the age of 36. Counted among the founders of the Canadian Church, Catherine was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1989.

**May 10 - Memorial of Saint John of Avila, Priest:** Born in the Castile region of Spain, John was sent at the age of 14 to the University of Salamanca to study law. He later moved to Alcala, where he studied philosophy and theology before his ordination as a diocesan priest. After John's parents died and left him as their sole heir to a considerable fortune, he distributed his money to the poor. In 1527, he travelled to Seville, hoping to become a missionary in Mexico. The archbishop of that city persuaded him to stay and spread the faith in Andalusia. During nine years of work there, he developed a reputation as an engaging preacher, a perceptive spiritual director, and a wise confessor. Because John was not afraid to denounce vice in high places, he was investigated by the Inquisition but was cleared in 1533. He later worked in Cordoba and then in Granada, where he organized the University of Baeza, the first of several colleges run by diocesan priests who dedicated themselves to teaching and giving spiritual direction to young people. He was friends with Saints Francis Borgia, Ignatius of Loyola, John of God, John of the Cross, Peter of Alcantara, and Teresa of Avila. John of Avila worked closely with members of the Society of Jesus and helped their growth within Spain and its colonies. John's mystical writings have been translated into several languages. He was beatified in 1894, canonized in 1970, and declared a doctor of the Church on October 7, 2012. St. John of Avila's liturgical feast is celebrated on May 10.

**MAY 12 - CANADA HEALTH DAY:** Canada Health Day is celebrated in thousands of health care facilities and community services across the country. All Christians should celebrate and pray for the gift of health – physical, emotional, social and spiritual. The day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. We are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle. “Health” means concern for the health of our communities, respect for God's creatures, and the nurturing of the whole earth.



## ST. IGNATIUS PARISH



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### ***FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***

In today's Gospel, Jesus consoles his disciples with the words “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” Later Jesus says, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.” The words Jesus speaks to his disciples are also words of comfort to us on our faith journey. Amidst the many frustrations, disappointments, and sorrows we face throughout life, we need to recall the words of Jesus, “I am the Way”, and rest assured that our faith journey will lead to authentic life if we follow the way of Jesus Christ. In a world where we hear so often the many voices of false hope, we need to hear the voice of Jesus who says, “I am the Truth”. Only by following the way of Jesus will we find the truth. Finally, Jesus tells us, “I am the Life”. During this Easter season, filled with hope and joy in the Resurrection, we continue to walk in faith, knowing full well that our journey in this life will ultimately lead us to the Father's house where we will be lovingly welcomed and live forever with God.

### ***LITURGICAL SCHEDULE***

#### **Daily Masses Mon May 8 – Fri May 12**

Mon -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Isabelle Power

Tues -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel—Deceased members of Barnes & Collier families. (Betty Barnes)

Wed -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Basil Barnes

Thurs-11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Simon Collier

Fri ----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Jerome Organ

#### **Weekend Liturgy: Sat – May 13 and May 14**

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch- Jim Davis

St.Alban's-Sunday-10:30a.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—***ParishFamily***

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church- Ann Joe

## **MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES**

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
<b>May 6</b>	Edith O	Pat P	Father Patrick	Kevin O Monica K
<b>May 7</b>	Edith O	Cindy B	Father Patrick	Anthony W Perry C
<b>May 13</b>	Mary S	Gerry C	Father Patrick	Finton O Gerard S
<b>May 14</b>	Mary S	Mark W	Father Patrick	William M Ivan O

### **Weekly Parish Income**

St. Ignatius Church	\$771.15
St. Anne's	77.00
Mass Stipends	10.00
Funeral Stipend	200.00
Candles	163.00
50/50 Fundraiser (April 2023)	3265.00

**Congratulations** to Earl Collier, winner of the April 2023 50/50 Fundraiser. (\$1632.50)

**Thank you for your continued support to the parish.**

### **May: Month of the Holy Rosary**

May is one of the two months that the Catholic Church recognizes as a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During the month of May, Fr. Patrick will be reciting the Holy Rosary before each Mass service on Saturday evenings. On Saturday evening, the Holy Rosary will begin at 6:40 p.m. followed by the Mass service at 7:00 p.m.

### **Condolences**

The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish extend to the family of the late Genevieve Smith their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.

### **WELCOME TO ST. IGNATIUS PARISH: ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH AND ST. ANNE'S CHURCH:**

*We are happy to have you here in our parish. It is our hope that you experience the presence of Christ during our worship.*  
*"Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them" Matt 18:20*

### **Home Visits and Holy Communion**

If you or someone you know who would like to receive Holy Communion in their home, you are asked to please inform Father Patrick at 709-280-4904 or call the Parish office at 709-538-3106 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The Body of Christ is often such an important part of people's lives, so when they are sick or unable to attend Mass, I would greatly bring them Holy Communion.....Father Patrick Osuji

### **Bay D'Espoir Community Food Bank**

Location: St Alban's Community Centre

Hours of Operation: Tuesday & Friday 10:00 am- 12:00 pm (by appointment only)

**For more information please contact:** The Bay D'Espoir Community Food Bank now has its own telephone #: **(709) 538-7936**. Messages can be left on an answering service. Please leave your name and telephone number and someone will return your call during the hours of operation. Thank you. Please feel free to drop off donated food items at the back of the Church in the labelled Food Bank Box.

Some items that are in need include teabags, coffee, and canned vegetables. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Announcements:**

- Beginning May 1, the church will be unlocked during the hours of 9:00 am – 6:00 pm.
- The collection and offertory will resume beginning with the weekend services on May 6 and May 7.
- The Parish Council of St. Ignatius has positions available for anyone who may have an interest in joining.

**Funeral Mass:** A funeral mass will be held for the late Cecil Organ (Mary) on Saturday, May 13 at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow at the St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Cemetery.